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(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

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1. IN LIGHT SMITH'S LETTER (REFTEL A), WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FIND OUT PRESENT WHEREABOUTS KALENGA. EMBASSY REQUESTED DO SO, IF POSSIBLE. IF HE IN FACT BEING HELD AGAIN BY TANZANIANS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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RELEASE AND RETURN TO PRP WOULD ALLEVIATE TO AT LEAST SOME EXTENT PRP'S WORRIES RE TANGOV GOOD FAITH. IF TANGOV PROFESSES IGNORANCE OF KALENGA'S WHEREABOUTS THIS COULD BE NOTED IN AMBASSADOR'S LETTER. IF MESSENGER CAN BE DELAYED, AMBASSADOR SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO DEFER

REPLYING TO SMITH'S LETTER UNTIL KALENGA'S STATUS CLARIFIED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

- 2. AMBASSADOR AUTHORIZED TO SEND LETTER TO SMITH PER
 PARA 4 REFTEL B, WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:
 A. PARA 3 TO READ: QUOTE AND NOW THE PRP, AFTER OUR DISPPOINTMENTS ON TWO EARLIER OCCASIONS CONCERNING WHAT WE
 NDER, TOOD TO BE COMMITMENTS ON ITS PART, IS ASKING THAT
 ADDITIONAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN BEFORE RELEASING YOU. THIS IS
 VERY DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO IN VIEW O OUR EARLIR DISAPPOINTMENTS.UNQTE
- B. FIFTH SENTENCE PARAGRAPH 4 TO READ: QTE HAMBURG STATES THAT THIS IS STILL THE CASE. UNQTE
- 3. IN CONSIDERING ADVISABILITY OF ANOTHER PUBLIC STATE-MENT, BELIEVE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STANFORD REP SHOULD CONSIDER RISK INVOLVED OF PROVOKING GOZ. GOZ KNOWS MONEY WAS PAID TO PRP, AND DESPITE AMBASSADOR VANCE'S ASSUR-ANCES MAY BELIEVE WEAPONS WERE ALSO PART OF RANSOM. THIS COMES AT TIME WHEN PRP IS CONDUCTING AN INSURGENCY IN WHICH GOZ SOLDIERS ARE BEING KILLED AND WOUNDED. IT WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE FOR MOBUTU TO BEGIN TO SEE THOSE WHO PROVIDED RANSOM AS THE ENEMY TOO AND TO HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE BOTH FOR THE DEATH OF ZAIRIAN SOLDIERS AND, PROBABLY WORSE FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, FOR HELPING SUS-TAIN AN INSURGENCY WHOSE PERSISTENCE IS A SEVERE EMBARR-ASSMENT TO HIS GOVERNMENT. FURTHER, PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS ALONG LINES PARAS ONE AND TWO OF STUDENTS' STATEMENT PRO-POSED REFTEL B MAY REDUCE MOBUTU'S PREVIOUSLY VOICED SYMPATHY FOR PARENTS, AND HENCE FOR REMAINING HOSTAGE, AND CREATE ADDED INCENTIVE FOR HIM TO ELIMINATE PRP EMBARRASSMENT BY MILITARY ACTION.
- 4. IF CARRIE JANE HUNTER AND EMILIE BERGMANN DECIDE NEVERTHELESS TO ISSUE THEIR PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES NEXT-TO-LAST SENTENCE OF FIRST CONFIDENTIAL

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PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ: QTE THIS CONFIRMS THE IMPRESSION WE FORMED WHILE AMONG THEM THAT THE PRP BASICALLY WANTS TO KEEP ITS WORD. UNQTE ALSO, FIRST SENTENCE SECOND PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ: QTE WHILE WE WERE WITH THE PRP, WE LEARNED OF YOUR SEVEN YEARS OF STRUGGLE. UNQTE COMMENT: THIS WILL MEAN SAME THING TO PRP AS WHAT STUDENTS PROPOSE AND LESS LIKELY ANTAGONIZE GOZ.

5. IF STUDENTS DECIDE NOT RELEASE STATEMENT, ASSUME AMBASSADOR'S LETTER WILL BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY. INGERSOLL

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